

COMMITTEE MINUTES for GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Date: February 08, 2007

Place: Legislative Dining Room

Convened: 2/8/2007 9:30 AM
Recessed:

Reconvened:

Adjourned: 2/8/2007
11:30 AM

Present: Senators Courtney-CH, Connolly-VC, Schmitz
Representatives Lensing-CH, Ford-VC, Watts-RM, Baudler, Berry, Olson, S., Swaim,
Tymeson

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Wieck-RM, Lundby
Representative Whitead

Meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Chair Lensing. Approval of minutes was postponed until a quorum was present. Roll was taken and absent members were excused.

Representative Lensing recognized Mollie Anderson, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Anderson updated the committee on the staff augmentation proposal by DAS. Anderson also reviewed questions raised by American Computer Services (ACS) at the December meeting of the Legislative Oversight Committee and referred to handouts.

Representative Lensing opened the floor for questions.

Senator Connolly requested that DAS present a report to the Committee to track spending and savings of the staff augmentation.

Chair Courtney recognized Ann Graham, Vice President of Client Services, American Computer Services (ACS). Graham expressed desire to speak with DAS regarding the effects of the augmentation on vendors.

Senator Courtney moved for minutes to be approved. Minutes were seconded by Representative Berry and approved by the Committee.

Senator Courtney recognized William Angrick, Citizens' Aide Ombudsman. Angrick provided an overview of cases handled in Calendar Year 2006 by the Ombudsman, and a presentation of topics for consideration by the Government Oversight Committee during the current Legislative Session.

Angrick offered two legislative proposals to Committee Members. The first was to provide adequate staffing and resources to prisons to aid and rehabilitate the mentally ill. The second was to give individuals released from prison better transition into a community. Angrick also urged the Committee to look beyond the Ombudsman's jurisdiction for problems. He specifically suggested the Committee review the patterns of court claims, the litigation patterns of the Attorney General's office, Civil Rights Commissions and Agencies and the Auditor's office.

Senator Courtney opened the floor for questions.

Senator Courtney thanked everyone for presenting. Seeing no other business before the committee, Senator Courtney moved to adjourn. Representative Baudler seconded the motion and the Oversight Committee adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Senator Thomas G. Courtney

Erin Kreiman, Committee Secretary